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From the Occoquan Post Office

All of us at the Occoquan Post Office would like to thank the residents and businesses for their gifts and kind words during the holiday season. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Happy New Year!

Judy, Sandie, and Eleanor

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MAYOR'S LETTER

Thank you to everyone who chose to make their purchases from our town merchants during the recently completed holiday season. As you know, this time of year is particularly important to the success of town businesses, and I know that they very much appreciate your patronage. I would also like to thank all of you who volunteered during the holidays, whether it was for one of the various town events, for charitable purposes like the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign, or for simply promptly addressing the effects of our first snowfall of the season — all of these efforts make a real difference in the life of the town.

On the subject of snow, we have a new snow removal contractor this year and, thus, anticipate better service on town streets than we have experienced in the past. Since the streets within town boundaries are a hodgepodge of VDOT, town, and HOA property, however, snow removal responsibilities can be confusing to residents. As a result, I encourage everyone to review the town street maintenance map, which can be found on the town web site at www.occoquan.org, to familiarize themselves with snow removal responsibilities. The main streets in the historic district are plowed by VDOT. It is important for businesses, however, to remember that VDOT does not guarantee that it can preserve on-street parking when it plows; its primary responsibility is to clear the roadways for traffic. Over the past two years, the town manager and I have tried to keep residents as up-to-date as possible on conditions related to snowfall, using information from the Prince William Office of Emergency Management and disseminating it by various means, including my e-newsletter. If you are not receiving the e-newsletter already and would like to do so, please simply email me at eporta@occoquan.org.

I want to close this month by thanking the town residents, businesses, and staff for their support during the past year. In particular, I want to recognize and thank the members of the Town Council, with whom I feel very honored to serve. Happy New Year to everyone, and please do not hesitate to contact me at eporta@occoquan.org with any comments, questions, or concerns.

Earnest W. Porta Jr.

January 2011



At the December 2010 meeting, the Council voted to:



- ♦ approve the boundary line adjustment plat for 127 Washington Street/114 Commerce Street
- ♦ amend §42-39 (signs requiring temporary/interim sign permit) and §42-92 (Temporary sign permit procedures), which transfers approval authority for temporary banners from the ARB to the Town Manager
- ♦ approve a Resolution supporting the submission of a grant application for a disabled-accessible canoe/kayak ramp
- ♦ appoint Bryan Laske to the Architectural Review Board
- ♦ recommend to the Circuit Court that Leo Smith be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals



Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees should be placed at your curb for Wednesday's normal trash pick-up. If you have further questions, please contact 1st Choice Disposal at 703-441-8880.



"UNTRIM-A-TREE"

I would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in this year's "Untrim-A-Tree" project. All 25 children had their wishes fulfilled, thanks to the residents, merchants, and shoppers in Occoquan.

Betsy Merklein, OMA



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 6:30 - Planning Commission 7:30 - ARB	5 	6	7	8
9	10	11 7:00 Town Council	12 	13 5:00 - OHS	14 Lee-Jackson Day Town Hall closed	15
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Town Hall closed	18	19	20 7:00 - Hollows HOA 	21	22
23	24	25	26 	27	28	29
30	31					